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SUBJECT: JORDAN SUPPORTS SEATING IGC AT OCTOBER OIC SUMMIT

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Classified By: Amb. Edward W. Gnehm for reasons 1.5 (B)(D)

[1](#)1. (C) PolCouns and PolOff covered ref points on seating the Iraqi Governing Council (IGC) at the upcoming meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) in Kuala Lumpur with Ali al-Ayed, Director of Foreign Minister Muasher's Private Office on September 29. PolCouns asked that Jordan support the full participation of IGC members at the OIC meeting in Iraq's seat, noting that the IGC has been similarly seated in recent Arab League, UNGA, OPEC, and IMF/IBRD meetings.

[1](#)2. (C) Ayed responded that the Iraqi "Embassy" in Amman had also expressed to the MFA concerns that Malaysia might oppose seating the IGC in Iraq's seat at the OIC meeting, and had asked that Jordan support the IGC. Ayed said Jordan wants to deal pragmatically with the IGC, and supports IGC participation in the October OIC meeting in the Iraqi chair in much the same arrangement used for the recent Cairo Arab League meeting: full participation without formal recognition. He said that Jordan's OIC delegation will work with other like-minded states to secure IGC participation at the OIC on this basis.

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